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SUBJECT: SIX KILLED BY TERRORISTS IN TWENTY-FOUR
HOUR PERIOD

1. 1976 DEATH TOLL IN PROVINCE RAISED TO 33 BY SIX KILLINGS JAN. 22 (ACTUALLY 34 DEAD THIS YEAR BUT ONE SUSTAINED MORTAL WOUNDS 1975). TWO POLICEMEN KILLED BELFAST WHILE EXAMINING BOOBY TRAPPED SHOTGUN. GUN FOUND IN PROTESTANT NEIGHBORHOOD AFTER TIPOFF AND ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF) CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY IN ONE TELEPHONE CALL AND DENIED IT IN ANOTHER. POLICE DOUBT UVF RESPONSIBLE LARGELY BECAUSE OF SOPHISTICATION OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. CATHOLIC MALE SHOT TO DEATH IN BEDROOM HIS HOME BELFAST EARLY JAN. 22 AND CATHOLIC TEENAGER EXECUTED AT DUNGANNON FILLING STATION. DRIVERS TWO WORKER MINIBUSES AMBUSHED AND SHOT DEAD IN TWO GEOGRAPHICALLY SEPARATE ATTACKS JAN. 22. ONE VICTIM MEMBER ULSTER DEFENSE REGIMENT (UDR) THE OTHER, A CATHOLIC, SON OF MEMBER UDR. NONE OF THESE ATTACKS WERE IN SOUTH ARMAGH.

2. TOTAL DEAD FOR VIOLENCE SINCE 1969 NOW 1423. NUMBER INCLUDES 247 SOLDIERS, 52 MEMBERS UDR, 59 MEMBERS ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC), 14 RUC RESERVES AND 1051 KNOWN CIVILIAN DEATHS.

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3. IT NOTED WHILE SIX SCATTERED DEATHS IN ONE DAY DO NOT
HAVE IMPACT OF MASSACRE OF 10 OR 5 AT SAME TIME,
EACH SEPARATE DEATH INVITES RETALIATION. SECURITY FORCES
ARE THINLY STRETCHED AND ONE CONSEQUENCE HAS BEEN RECENT
REAPPEARANCE NEIGHBORHOOD VIGILANTE PATROLS AND
BARRICADES.

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